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11 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
12 CALIFORNIA NORTHERN DISTRICT (SAN JOSE)  
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14 VLADIMIR BALAREZO,	)	Case No. 5:07-cv-05243-JF
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16 Plaintiff,	)	DEFENDANT NTH CONNECT
17	)	TELECOM, INC.'S RESPONSE TO
18 vs.	)	AMENDED PLAINTIFFS' REQUEST FOR
19	)	PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS, SET
20 NTH CONNECT TELECOM INC., STEVEN	)	ONE
21 CHEN, DOES 1 to 15,	)	
22	)	
23 Defendants.	)	
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26 Propounding Party: Plaintiff Vladimir Balarezo  
27 Responding Party: Defendant Nth Connect Telecom Inc.  
28 Set No.: One

29 Defendant Nth Connect Telecom, Inc. ("responding party") responds to plaintiff Vladimir  
30 Balarezo's request for documents as follows:

31 Preliminary Statement and General Objections

32 1. Responding party objects to the requests for production propounded by plaintiff in  
33 its entirety, as it contains a different caption than that contained in the complaint, and also purports  
34 to be served on behalf of plaintiffs who are not named in the complaint. It also refers to a case

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1 number different than that of the complaint. At the time these requests were served, the only named  
2 plaintiff in this action was Vladimir Balarezo, and thus, defendants respond only as to that plaintiff.

3       2.       Responding party objects to each demand to the extent it seeks production of  
4 documents protected from discovery by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work-product doctrine  
5 or other applicable privilege against disclosure. In the event that a document is inadvertently  
6 produced which contains information protected by such privilege, such inadvertent disclosure is not  
7 to be construed as a waiver in any way of the attorney-client privilege or attorney work-product  
8 doctrine or other legal privilege against disclosure. Responding party specifically reserves the right  
9 to demand the return of such documents in the event that any such document is inadvertently  
10 produced.

11       3.       Responding party objects to each demand, instruction and definition to the extent it  
12 purports to create duties or obligations more extensive or different from those imposed by the  
13 California Code of Civil Procedure.

14       4.       Responding party objects to each demand to the extent it seeks documents which do  
15 not relate to the subject matter of this action on the grounds that such request calls for the production  
16 of documents which are neither relevant to the issues in this case nor reasonably calculated to lead  
17 to the discovery of relevant admissible evidence, and on the grounds that such request is overly  
18 broad, unduly burdensome, and oppressive. Many of the demands purport to require responding  
19 party to provide facts or information that are vaguely defined and ambiguous and hence are  
20 extremely broad. In response to propounding party's requests, to the extent not objected to,  
21 responding party will use reasonable diligence to locate responsive documents. To the extent that  
22 propounding party seeks to require responding party to do more than the foregoing, responding party  
23 objects to each and every demand on the grounds that it is vague and ambiguous, overbroad, seeks  
24 information not relevant to the subject matter of the action or not in a manner reasonably calculated  
25 to lead to the discovery of relevant admissible evidence and subjects responding party to oppression,  
26 harassment and undue burden and expense incommensurate with propounding party's legitimate  
27 discovery needs.

28       5.       Responding party objects to each demand to the extent it seeks documents the

1 disclosure of which would compromise responding party's privacy rights or the privacy rights of third  
2 parties.

3 6. Responding party objects to each demand to the extent it seeks information which is  
4 of public record or which is equally available to propounding party on the grounds that such request  
5 is unduly burdensome and oppressive.

6 7. Responding party objects to each definition used by propounding party to the extent  
7 any definition purports to summarize the contents of documents or to state the obligations of any  
8 party under any document or under the law of any jurisdiction.

9 8. Responding party objects to each and every demand which relates to those of its  
10 activities which are believed to be entirely irrelevant to the subject matter of this action, on the  
11 grounds that such demand is irrelevant and is not reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of  
12 relevant admissible evidence.

13 9. Responding party has not yet completed his investigation, discovery or preparation  
14 for trial of this matter. All of the responses contained herein are based solely on such information  
15 and documents as are presently available to and specifically known to or recalled by responding  
16 party.

17 10. Responding party objects to each and every demand on the ground that the demands  
18 request the production of original documents. Responding party will provide copies in response to  
19 the demands. However, if propounding party wishes to examine the originals of the produced  
20 documents, propounding party may contact responding party's counsel and schedule a mutually  
21 convenient time and place for such inspection.

22 11. The following responses are given without prejudice to responding party's right to  
23 produce evidence of any subsequently discovered fact or facts which may later be recalled.  
24 Responding party accordingly reserves the right to change any and all responses herein as additional  
25 documents are discovered, facts are ascertained, analyzes are made, legal research is completed and  
26 contentions are made. Responses contained herein are made in a good faith effort to supply as many  
27 documents as are presently known and available, but should in no way prejudice responding party  
28 in regards to further discovery, research or analysis.

12. Responding party objects to producing documents either originals or copies of which are already in propounding party's possession, custody or control. Such request on propounding party's part is unduly burdensome and oppressive.

13. Responding party objects to the time-frame involved in the demand on the grounds that much of the period is neither relevant nor calculated to lead to the discovery of relevant admissible evidence and is burdensome and oppressive.

## II.

### RESPONSES TO DOCUMENT REQUESTS

#### REQUEST NO. 1:

All and any records, including but not limited to timecard, time sheet, calendar entries, calendar pages, books, notes, and any other document, that show, mention, concern or relate to the time and hours worked by each Plaintiff and all your EMPLOYEES during the CLAIM PERIOD.

#### RESPONSE TO DOCUMENT REQUEST NO. 1:

Responding party incorporates each preliminary objection as through set forth in full. As noted above in preliminary objection number one, the only named plaintiff at the time these requests were served was Vladimir Balarezo. As such, these responses are limited to that plaintiff. Responding party also objects to this request for production, as it is compound, complex and overbroad with respect to the time period for which it seeks records. It also seeks documents which are not relevant to the claims set forth in the complaint, nor which are reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. It also purports to call for production of documents pertaining to employees of Nth Connect who are not parties to this case, and such records are protected by the right to privacy under the United States and California Constitutions. Further, plaintiff has failed to comply with California Code of Civil Procedure section 1985.6 in giving notice to such employees that their records are being sought. Finally, the request potentially calls for the production of documents protected by the attorney-client privilege and attorney work product doctrine.

Without waiving these objections, responding party answers as follows: Responding party will produce all unprivileged, responsive documents to the extent that they pertain to plaintiff

1 Vladimir Balarezo.

2 REQUEST NO. 2:

3 The complete PAYROLL RECORDS relating to each Plaintiff and all EMPLOYEES  
4 covering the entire CLAIM PERIOD, including but not limited to, all payroll statement (commonly  
5 known as paystubs), payroll register generated by YOUR payroll processing service, all cancelled  
6 checks reflecting any and all payments whatever the nature to each Plaintiff and all EMPLOYEES,  
7 BI-WEEKLY PAYOUT sheets, and all tax records concerning each Plaintiff and all EMPLOYEES  
8 during the COMPLAINT PERIOD.

9 RESPONSE TO DOCUMENT REQUEST NO. 2:

10 Responding party incorporates each preliminary objection as through set forth in full. As  
11 noted above in preliminary objection number one, the only named plaintiff at the time these requests  
12 were served was Vladimir Balarezo. As such, these responses are limited to that plaintiff.  
13 Responding party also objects to this request for production, as it is compound, complex and  
14 overbroad with respect to the time period for which it seeks records. It also seeks documents which  
15 are not relevant to the claims set forth in the complaint, nor which are reasonably calculated to lead  
16 to the discovery of admissible evidence. It also purports to call for production of documents  
17 pertaining to employees of Nth Connect who are not parties to this case, and such records are  
18 protected by the right to privacy under the United States and California Constitutions. Further,  
19 plaintiff has failed to comply with California Code of Civil Procedure section 1985.6 in giving  
20 notice to such employees that their records are being sought. . Finally, the request potentially calls  
21 for the production of documents protected by the attorney-client privilege, attorney work product  
22 doctrine and tax return privilege.

23 Without waiving these objections, responding party answers as follows: Responding party  
24 will produce all unprivileged, responsive documents to the extent that they pertain to plaintiff  
25 Vladimir Balarezo.

26 REQUEST NO. 3:

27 All DAILY COUNT SHEETS with respect each Plaintiff and all EMPLOYEES during the  
28 COMPLAINT PERIOD.

1 RESPONSE TO DOCUMENT REQUEST NO. 3:

2 Responding party incorporates each preliminary objection as through set forth in full. As  
3 noted above in preliminary objection number one, the only named plaintiff at the time these requests  
4 were served was Vladimir Balarezo. As such, these responses are limited to that plaintiff.  
5 Responding party also objects to this request for production, as it is compound, complex and  
6 overbroad with respect to the time period for which it seeks records. It is also vague and ambiguous  
7 with regard to the term "DAILY COUNT SHEETS." It also seeks documents which are not relevant  
8 to the claims set forth in the complaint, nor which are reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery  
9 of admissible evidence. It also purports to call for production of documents pertaining to employees  
10 of Nth Connect who are not parties to this case, and such records are protected by the right to privacy  
11 under the United States and California Constitutions. Further, plaintiff has failed to comply with  
12 California Code of Civil Procedure section 1985.6 in giving notice to such employees that their  
13 records are being sought. Finally, the request potentially calls for the production of documents  
14 protected by the attorney-client privilege and attorney work product doctrine.

15 Without waiving these objections, responding party answers as follows: Responding party  
16 will produce all unprivileged, responsive documents to the extent that they pertain to plaintiff  
17 Vladimir Balarezo.

18 REQUEST NO. 4:

19 All COMCAST WORK ORDERS with respect to each Plaintiff and all EMPLOYEES during  
20 the COMPLAINT PERIOD.

21 RESPONSE TO DOCUMENT REQUEST NO. 4:

22 Responding party incorporates each preliminary objection as through set forth in full. As  
23 noted above in preliminary objection number one, the only named plaintiff at the time these requests  
24 were served was Vladimir Balarezo. As such, these responses are limited to that plaintiff.  
25 Responding party also objects to this request for production, as it is compound, complex and  
26 overbroad with respect to the time period for which it seeks records. It also seeks documents which  
27 are not in the possession of responding party. It also seeks documents which are not relevant to the  
28 claims set forth in the complaint, nor which are reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of

1 admissible evidence. It also purports to call for production of documents pertaining to employees  
2 of Nth Connect who are not parties to this case, and such records are protected by the right to privacy  
3 under the United States and California Constitutions. Further, plaintiff has failed to comply with  
4 California Code of Civil Procedure section 1985.6 in giving notice to such employees that their  
5 records are being sought. Finally, the request potentially calls for the production of documents  
6 protected by the attorney-client privilege and attorney work product doctrine.

7 Without waiving these objections, responding party answers as follows: Responding party  
8 will produce all unprivileged, responsive documents to the extent that they are within the custody  
9 and control of responding party and which pertain to plaintiff Vladimir Balarezo.

10 REQUEST NO. 5:

11 All personnel records of each Plaintiff and all EMPLOYEES, including but not limited to  
12 any all employment agreements you had with each Plaintiff and all EMPLOYEES, any  
13 DOCUMENT signed by each Plaintiff and all EMPLOYEES during their employment with YOU,  
14 and any DOCUMENT concerning the discipline, performance and evaluation of each Plaintiff and  
15 all EMPLOYEES.

16 RESPONSE TO DOCUMENT REQUEST NO. 5:

17 Responding party incorporates each preliminary objection as through set forth in full. As  
18 noted above in preliminary objection number one, the only named plaintiff at the time these requests  
19 were served was Vladimir Balarezo. As such, these responses are limited to that plaintiff.  
20 Responding party also objects to this request for production, as it is compound, complex and  
21 overbroad with respect to the time period for which it seeks records. It also seeks documents which  
22 are not relevant to the claims set forth in the complaint, nor which are reasonably calculated to lead  
23 to the discovery of admissible evidence. It also purports to call for production of documents  
24 pertaining to employees of Nth Connect who are not parties to this case, and such records are  
25 protected by the right to privacy under the United States and California Constitutions. Further,  
26 plaintiff has failed to comply with California Code of Civil Procedure section 1985.6 in giving  
27 notice to such employees that their records are being sought. Finally, the request potentially calls  
28 for the production of documents protected by the attorney-client privilege and attorney work product



1 doctrine.

2 Without waiving these objections, responding party answers as follows: Responding party  
3 will produce all unprivileged, responsive documents to the extent that they pertain to plaintiff  
4 Vladimir Balarezo.

5 REQUEST NO. 6:

6 Any and all employment manuals, employee handbook, or policies that governed any aspect  
7 of employment of each Plaintiff and all EMPLOYEES, including but not limited to work schedule,  
8 overtime policy, lunch breaks, rest periods, tools, reimbursement for tools, vehicles used in  
9 performing job duties, gas reimbursements, deductions, and disciplines.

10 RESPONSE TO DOCUMENT REQUEST NO. 6:

11 Responding party incorporates each preliminary objection as through set forth in full. As  
12 noted above in preliminary objection number one, the only named plaintiff at the time these requests  
13 were served was Vladimir Balarezo. As such, these responses are limited to that plaintiff.  
14 Responding party also objects to this request for production, as it is compound, complex and  
15 overbroad with respect to the time period for which it seeks records. It also seeks documents which  
16 are not relevant to the claims set forth in the complaint, nor which are reasonably calculated to lead  
17 to the discovery of admissible evidence. It also calls for production of documents which are  
18 proprietary, protected trade secrets, and which are potentially covered by the attorney-client privilege  
19 and the attorney work product doctrine.

20 Without waiving these objections, responding party answers as follows: Responding party  
21 will produce all unprivileged, responsive documents to the extent that they pertain to plaintiff  
22 Vladimir Balarezo.

23 REQUEST NO. 7:

24 Any and all COMMUNICATIONS and DOCUMENTS concerning, pertaining to and  
25 implementing the requirements or guidelines from COMCAST relating to installation schedule made  
26 with the customers.

27 RESPONSE TO DOCUMENT REQUEST NO. 7:

28 Responding party incorporates each preliminary objection as through set forth in full. As



1 noted above in preliminary objection number one, the only named plaintiff at the time these requests  
2 were served was Vladimir Balarezo. As such, these responses are limited to that plaintiff.  
3 Responding party also objects to this request for production, as it is compound, complex and vastly  
4 overbroad, as it appears to seek records pertaining to communications between responding party and  
5 Comcast for an unlimited period of time. Responding to such a request is unduly burdensome. It  
6 also seeks documents which are not relevant to the claims set forth in the complaint, nor which are  
7 reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery of admissible evidence. It also purports to call for  
8 production of documents pertaining to employees and customers of Nth Connect who are not parties  
9 to this case, and such records are protected by the right to privacy under the United States and  
10 California Constitutions. Further, plaintiff has failed to comply with California Code of Civil  
11 Procedure section 1985.6 in giving notice to such employees and customers that their records are  
12 being sought. Finally, this request potentially calls for the production of documents which are  
13 proprietary, trade secrets, and which are protected by the attorney-client privilege and/or the work  
14 product doctrine.

15 Based upon these objections, responding party will not produce any documents in response  
16 to this request.

17 REQUEST NO. 8:

18 Any and all COMMUNICATIONS and DOCUMENTS concerning chargebacks by  
19 COMCAST for failure to keep the installation schedule with customers.

20 RESPONSE TO DOCUMENT REQUEST NO. 8:

21 Responding party incorporates each preliminary objection as through set forth in full. As  
22 noted above in preliminary objection number one, the only named plaintiff at the time these requests  
23 were served was Vladimir Balarezo. As such, these responses are limited to that plaintiff.  
24 Responding party also objects to this request for production, as it is compound, complex and vastly  
25 overbroad, as it appears to seek records pertaining to communications between responding party and  
26 Comcast for an unlimited period of time. Responding to such a request is unduly burdensome. This  
27 request is also vague and ambiguous as to the term "chargebacks." It also seeks documents which  
28 are not relevant to the claims set forth in the complaint, nor which are reasonably calculated to lead

1 to the discovery of admissible evidence. It also purports to call for production of documents  
2 pertaining to employees and customers of Nth Connect who are not parties to this case, and such  
3 records are protected by the right to privacy under the United States and California Constitutions.  
4 Further, plaintiff has failed to comply with California Code of Civil Procedure section 1985.6 in  
5 giving notice to such employees and customers that their records are being sought. Finally, this  
6 request potentially calls for the production of documents which are proprietary, trade secrets, and  
7 which are protected by the attorney-client privilege and/or the work product doctrine.

8 Based upon these objections, responding party will not produce any documents in response  
9 to this request.

10 REQUEST NO. 9:

11 Any and all COMMUNICATIONS and DOCUMENTS concerning payments made to all  
12 EMPLOYEES during the COMPLAINT PERIOD for earned but unpaid overtime wages. This  
13 includes but is not limited to any audits of unpaid wages and any releases sought or received from  
14 EMPLOYEES during the COMPLAINT PERIOD.

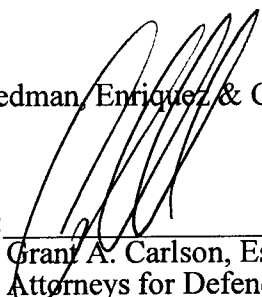
15 RESPONSE TO DOCUMENT REQUEST NO. 9:

16 Responding party incorporates each preliminary objection as through set forth in full. As  
17 noted above in preliminary objection number one, the only named plaintiff at the time these requests  
18 were served was Vladimir Balarezo. As such, these responses are limited to that plaintiff.  
19 Responding party also objects to this request for production, as it is compound, complex, overbroad  
20 with respect to the time period for which it seeks records, and unintelligible. It also seeks documents  
21 which are not in the possession of responding party. It also seeks documents which are not relevant  
22 to the claims set forth in the complaint, nor which are reasonably calculated to lead to the discovery  
23 of admissible evidence. It also purports to call for production of documents pertaining to employees  
24 of Nth Connect who are not parties to this case, and such records are protected by the right to privacy  
25 under the United States and California Constitutions. Further, plaintiff has failed to comply with  
26 California Code of Civil Procedure section 1985.6 in giving notice to such employees that their  
27 records are being sought. Finally, this request potentially calls for the production of documents  
28 which are protected by the attorney-client privilege and attorney work product protections.

1 Without waiving these objections, responding party answers as follows: Responding party  
2 does not have any documents in its possession which are responsive to this request.

3 Dated: April 1, 2008

4 Friedman, Enriquez & Carlson, LLP

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7 Grant A. Carlson, Esq.  
8 Attorneys for Defendants  
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**PROOF OF SERVICE**

I am a citizen of the United States. My business address is 433 North Camden Drive, Suite 965, Beverly Hills, California 90210. I am employed in the County of Los Angeles where this service occurs. I am over the age of 18 and not a party to the within action. On April 1, 2008, I served the following document(s) by the method indicated below:

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TO PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR DOCUMENTS (SET ONE)**

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Executed on April 1, 2008, at Beverly Hills, California.

- ☒ (State) I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the above is true and correct.
- ☐ (Federal) I declare that I am employed in the office of a member of the bar of this court at whose direction the service was made.

  
 Sheila Goetz